

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-27. (Canceled)

28. (New) A method for reducing the frictional force between an item to be delivered and a birth canal of a mother in human vaginal child birthing, which comprises introducing a composition comprising a physiologically acceptable organic lubricant consisting essentially of
- a polyacrylic acid;
 - a thickener;
 - a humectant;
 - and no alkali metal salts of metaphosphates;
- in an effective amount into the birth canal of the mother, wherein said composition is in the form of a paste, gel, cream, suppository, or foam.
29. (New) The method of claim 28, wherein said polyacrylic acid is present in a concentration of from 0.25 to 5% by weight.
30. (New) The method of claim 29, wherein said thickener is a cellulose.

31. (New) The method of claim 30, wherein said cellulose is present in a concentration of from 1 to 3% by weight.
32. (New) The method of claim 29, wherein said humectant is selected from the group consisting of propylene glycol, glycerol, and polyethylene glycol.
33. (New) The method of claim 32, wherein said humectant is present in a concentration of from 0.5 to 3%.
34. (New) The method of claim 28, wherein said composition further comprises water.
35. (New) The method of claim 28, wherein between 5 to 200 mL of said composition is introduced into the birth canal.
36. (New) The method of claim 35, wherein between 10 to 100 mL of said composition is introduced into the birth canal.
37. (New) The method of claim 28, wherein said introduction into the birth canal takes place in multiple application steps.
38. (New) The method of claim 37, wherein said application steps begin before labor begins.

39. (New) The method of claim 37, wherein said application steps begin before dilation of the birth canal.
40. (New) The method of claim 38, wherein said composition is re-applied during labor.
41. (New) The method of claim 38, wherein said composition is re-applied during expulsion of the item to be delivered.
42. (New) The method of claim 28, wherein said composition has greater adhesion to the surface of the birth canal compared with the skin of a fetus.